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Establishing the
Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee

By virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. There is hereby formally established the Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee, heretofore existing and operating by virtue of mutual consent among certain departments and agencies of the Federal Government.

2. The Interdepartment Radio Advisory Committee shall

(a) Advise and assist the President, through the National Telecommunications Board (established by Reorganization Plan No. -- of 1951), in accordance with policies and procedures specified from time to time, in the assignment of radio frequencies to Government radio stations and classes of stations by virtue of the authority vested in the President by Section 305 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and by virtue of the authority vested in the National Telecommunications Board by Reorganization Plan No. -- of 1951;

(b) Advise and assist the President, the National Telecommunications Board, and other Federal agencies on related technical radio problems of inter-agency interest, and on other questions as may be referred to the Committee from time to time by the President or by the National Telecommunications Board; and

(c) Authorize interim or temporary operation on any frequency pending issuance of a new Executive Order assigning frequencies; provided, that operation on such frequencies shall cease upon receipt

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of notification by the IRAC of interference; and provided further, that such authorization is consistent with approved policies and with agreements entered into with the Federal Communications Commission for coordination between Government and non-Government frequency assignments.

3. The Committee shall be composed of one representative accredited by each of the following agencies: The Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, the Federal Communications Commission, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Justice, the Department of the Army, the Department of the Navy, the Department of the Air Force, the Department of State, the Treasury Department, and the Central Intelligence Agency. A representative of the National Telecommunications Board designated by its Chairman shall be a non-voting member of the Committee. The Committee shall submit to the President from time to time recommendations for any changes in its membership that may seem desirable. Each agency may designate an alternate representative.

4. Federal agencies not members of the Committee shall have the right to submit requests for frequencies or any other recommendations, through any member of the Committee or through the Secretary of the Committee, and the right to have a representative appear in support of such requests and recommendations at meetings of the Committee. In its deliberations, the Committee shall regularly take into account the radio needs of all Federal agencies so far as known.

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5. The Committee shall determine its own organization and may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to govern its procedure.

6. The Committee shall submit an annual budget estimate in conjunction with the budget requests of the Federal Communications Commission.

7. In order to ensure coordinated action with respect to the assignment of frequencies to Government and non-Government users, the Committee is authorized to enter into appropriate working agreements with the Federal Communications Commission.

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